

# Autumn 2015 Newsletter

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#### **News from the Team**

This summer we have enjoyed supporting a number of local events. Contessa Riding Centre's annual fun show took place on Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>. Tyrrells Equine Clinic sponsored the family mount class and Jason was delighted to attend the show and be able to present the prizes. Congratulations to Rohan and Julie Lifely with their gorgeous chestnut gelding Prince Cadet who took first place.

This years Gosling Cup took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August at Luffenhall nr. Stevenage. The Gosling cup takes place annually and is comprised of tack and turnout, dressage, a team ride, cross country and show-jumping. Tyrrells Equine were proud to be the vets on call for the special event and to sponsor the water jump. It was a super day and it was lovely to see so many of you there enjoying the day. Congratulations to the winning team Puckeridge Hunt Pony Club.





## Forthcoming Events ....

## **Veterinary Visit Scheme**

As many of you will be aware for a number of years we have operated a free visit scheme on allocated days to larger stable yards. In order to continue to make this scheme viable we have had to make some changes which will come in to affect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2015. For full terms and conditions of the new visit scheme please visit - <a href="http://www.tyrrellsequine.co.uk/VisitScheme1525.html">http://www.tyrrellsequine.co.uk/VisitScheme1525.html</a>

# **Charity Equine Pub Quiz**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of November we are excited to be hosting a Christmas Equine Pub Quiz. This fun event will take place at the Bushel and Strike in Ashwell, Nr. Baldock, SG7 5LY starting at 7.30pm. All questions will be horsey themed and there will be prizes for the winning team. Proceeds will go to East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) a charity supporting families and caring for children and young people with life threatening conditions. Teams are of 4-6 people and tickets are £5 per person including nibbles.

To enter please contact the office on 01763 287744/office@tyrrellsequine.co.uk





#### First Aid For Horse Owner Course

Our popular First Aid Course returns on the Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. The course is with Juliette Edmonds BVSC MRCVS from 9.30am - 2pm and consist of both interactive presentations and small group practical sessions. Learn correct support bandaging technique and gain valuable information on colic, choke, wounds and much more.... The cost for the course is £50 including an information pack to take home, buffet lunch, tea and coffee. Everybody welcome! Please contact the office on 01763 287744 or office@tyrrellsequine.co.uk to reserve your place.

# **Equine Atypical Myopathy**

Atypical Myopathy (AM) was relatively unheard of amongst horse owners however in recent years with the disease becoming more prevalent awareness has increased. Here we explain everything you need to know about AM.

#### What is Atypical Myopathy?

AM is serious but thankfully rare disease which affects the horses muscles. The disease is caused by toxins found in sycamore and maple seeds. Affected horses will often deteriorate quickly – usually within a few hours. Symptoms include weakness or lethargy, sweating, colic symptoms, muscle cramping, red/brown coloured urine, recumbency (inability to stand) and difficulties breathing. Prompt diagnosis and intensive supportive treatment provides the best chance of survival but sadly AM is often fatal.

#### What is the treatment for Atypical Myopathy?

Unfortunately there is no cure for AM. In cases where a quick diagnosis is achieved supportive treatment can be provided to facilitate recovery. Fluid therapy (putting the horse on a drip) is administered to the patient in order to dilute the toxins within the body and maintain hydration. Other treatment is symptomatic based on the clinical signs the horse is exhibiting. The objective of treatment is to keep the patient comfortable and maintaining normal bodily functions. Even with intensive treatment it is estimated that only 20% of horses will survive AM.

## Is my horse at risk of Atypical Myopathy?

Whilst AM is thankfully rare any horses or ponies with access to sycamore seeds or sycamore seedlings are potentially at risk. Practical ways of preventing your horses from eating sycamore seeds include-

- Fencing off areas of pasture with high numbers of sycamore seeds.
- Picking or hoovering up sycamore seeds.
- Providing supplementary forage when grazing is poor to prevent horses eating sycamore seeds.
- Reducing the time that horses are turned out for.

If you suspect that your horse has AM you should call a vet immediately and all other horses should be removed from the affected pasture.









